

My name is Alexander Furey and I am a graduate student at UConn and a resident of Trumbull CT. I oppose HB 6618 for a few reasons that I will enumerate in this document.

Recently, I had the distinct privilege and opportunity to walk alongside friends of mine who are students of Connecticut and recently found themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. They both do not make much money and found themselves in a very difficult financial situation. After deciding they wanted to keep the child, their predicament became much more challenging as they started having to support three people as opposed to two. Money became more tough although their love for one another increased. They have since been getting by, financially and otherwise, and are happy with their decision. Still it has been very difficult and they have had to make many sacrifices to make ends meet.

Having supported them by volunteering my time and assisting them financially in buying various items they needed for their future family, I found this bill to be irrelevant to the actual needs of the residents of Connecticut. Spending money paying for abortion services for residents of other states as opposed to helping those families that are financially in difficult positions in our own state is an injustice against these same people. The family I have had the privilege to walk alongside is only one example. The money allocated to transportation for abortion services could be spent on a wide variety of programs including pre-natal and post-natal care, food for disadvantaged families, housing for homeless individuals or those who are experiencing housing insecurity, and a host of other programs and initiatives. Money allocated towards bussing non-CT residents could be more profitably spent on the disadvantaged within our own state, no offense to those from other states.

Finally, I oppose the bill since it financially subsidizes the action of abortion which I believe to be an intrinsically moral evil that deprives humanity of beautiful, valuable children who have the same rights as you and me. If life begins at conception and one can never choose to kill an innocent human being, then I believe that you cannot kill a human being in the womb, at whatever stage that human being is currently. Thank you for your time and patience.